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FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1494

INFO AMCONSUL BOMBAY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, IN

SUBJECT: A SECOND MODEST DEFENSE OF US DIPLOMATS' TRAVEL TO  
NORTHEAST

LONDON FOR MOYNIHAN

REF: NEW DELHI 6206 (NOTAL)

1 A SECOND RAJYA SABHA EXCHANGE ON US DIPLOMATS TRAVELING IN  
NORTHEAST INDIA TOOK PLACE ON MAY 10 (SEE REFTEL FOR SUMMARY  
OF MAY 7 DEBATE). IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION BY TWO CONGRESS  
(R) MP'S, MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SURENDRA  
PAL SINGH SAID AMERICAN DIPLOMATS HAD VISITED MEGHALAYA IN  
SEPTEMBER 1973 AND ASSAM IN MARCH 1974, AND THAT BOTH VISITS  
HAD THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE GOI.

2. THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN CALCUTTA REPORTS THAT THE CPI  
DAILY "KALANTAR" IN EDITORIALS MAY 10 AND 11 ATTACKED THE HOME  
MINISTRY FOR ITS "EXONERATION" OF PETER BURLEIGH AND "OTHER USG  
SPIES." CALCUTTA ALSO REPORTS THAT SEVERAL WEST BENGAL

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OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD BURLEIGH HOW GRATIFIED THEY WERE TO HEAR

OF SINGH'S RAJYA SABHA STATEMENT.

3. ALTHOUGH THE GOI IS NOT EXACTLY SPIRITED IN THE DEFENSE OF  
BURLEIGH, IT IS BY IMPLICATION STANDING BEHIND HIM. AT ANY  
RATE THIS IS HOW THE COMMUNIST PRESS AND BENGAL GOVERNMENT  
OFFICIALS ARE READING SINGH'S AND MIRDHA'S REMARKS (NEW DELHI  
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